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Public Comment Period Begins on the Proposed Cleanup Remedy for the Abbott Laboratories Facility in Wichita, Kansas

A 45-day public comment period has been established, running from August 13, 2001 through September 27, 2001. The public comment period is your opportunity to provide information or raise an issue on the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region 7 proposed cleanup remedy for the Abbott (Abbott) Laboratories facility at 6765 South Ridge Road in Wichita.

From 1960 to 1985, Abbott operated a facility that produced a compound used in making artificial sweetener, as well as made products used in textiles, rubber, plastics, and pharmaceuticals. During the facility's operation, contaminated ground water was discovered.

The proposed cleanup remedy for the contaminated ground water is in the Statement of Basis document at the Haysville Community Library, 130 W. Grand Ave., Haysville, Kansas. The Statement of Basis describes the facility's history, current conditions, and EPA's proposal.

The following are guidelines for commenting:

- Explain your views and tell us why you feel that way.
- Tell us if you support or disagree with the recommendation. Be specific about which parts.
- Can you provide us examples or offer alternatives?

Throughout the comment period, written comments may be submitted to:

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EPA will approve a remedy only after the public comment period has ended, all comments have been reviewed, and responses have been prepared to address the public's comments. EPA may modify the proposed remedy or select another remedy, based on new information or comments received from the public during the public comment period. A public hearing has not been scheduled, but one will be offered if sufficient public interest exists.

For more information, please contact Shawntell Crossgrow, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at 1-800-223-0425 or (913) 551-7003.



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